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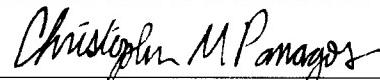
THE RICE COMPANY, :
Plaintiff, :
vs. : Index No.: 07 Civ. 7077 (WHP)
EXPRESS SEA TRANSPORT CORPORATION, : **NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL-**
Defendant. : **SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL**
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL PANAGOS, an associate of Hill Rivkins & Hayden LLP, attorneys for Plaintiff, is leaving the employment of the firm and hereby requests that his name be withdrawn as notice counsel for The Rice Company in the above captioned case and that all communications be served upon lead counsel Keith B. Dalen of the same office who continues to represent Plaintiff The Rice Company in this matter.

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Respectfully submitted,

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